

Overview of State Rail Safety Oversight Program

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Overview

- Federal State Safety Oversight (SSO) Requirement
- SSO Program Structure
- Department's Role as SSO Agency
- Program Standard
- SSO Program Areas
- Current SSO Program Activities
- Requirements under MAP-21

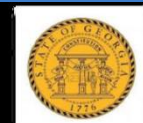
Federal Requirement

- 49 CFR Part 659 Rail Fixed Guideway Systems; State Safety Oversight
- Applies only to Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, not subject to FRA guidelines
 - MARTA & Atlanta Streetcar once operational
- Requires State to designate a State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA)
 - OCGA 32-9-10 designates GDOT as SSOA

SSO Program Structure



Federal Transit Administration
Office of Safety and Security



State of Georgia



GDOT



MARTA



City of Atlanta

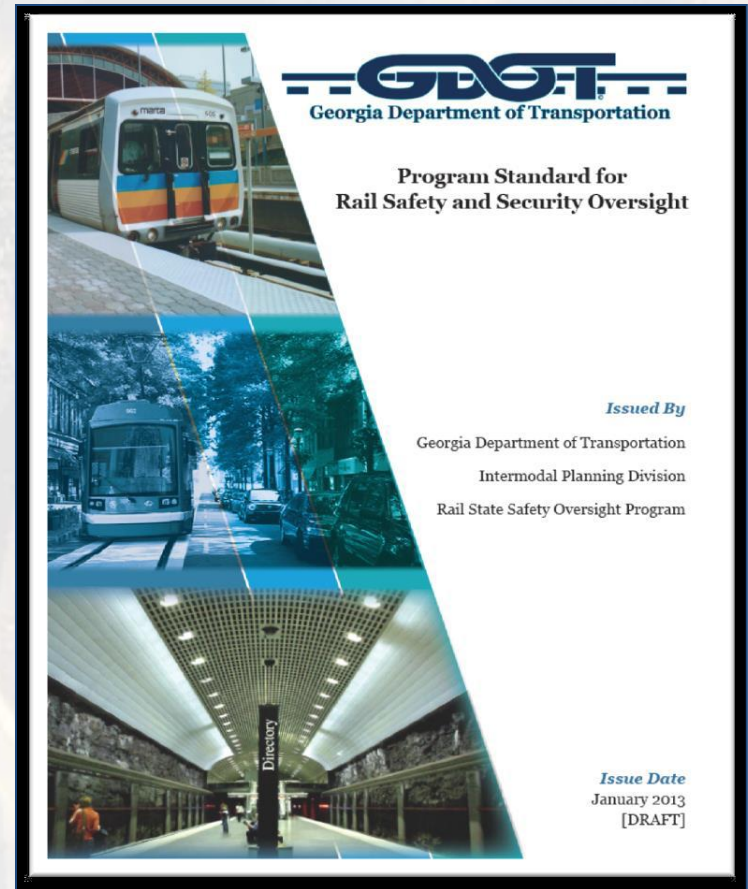
GDOT's Role as SSOA

- Establish standard for review of rail safety and security practices and procedures used by rail transit agencies
- Oversee the implementation of these practices and procedures to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 659



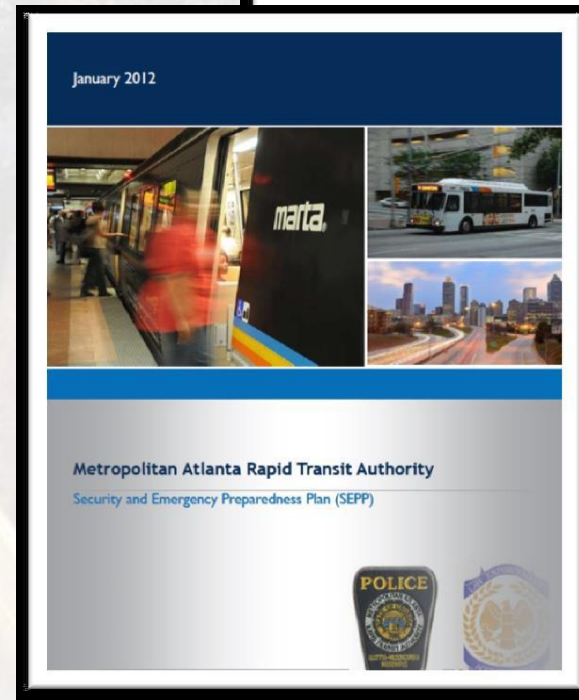
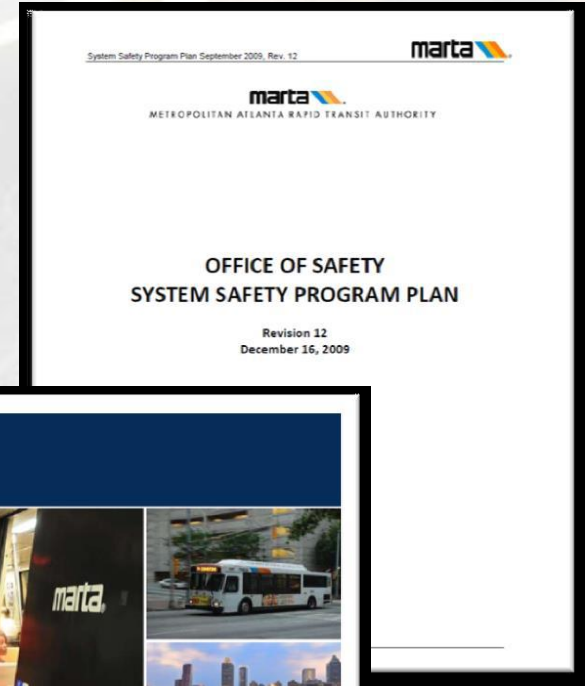
GDOTs Program Standard

- Provides review standards, objectives, procedures and responsibilities to assist rail transit agencies with compliance to rail safety and security oversight program
- Program Success = Partnership & on-going communication between the Department and the affected rail transit agencies (MARTA and City of Atlanta)



SSO Program Areas

- Program Standard
- System Safety Program Plan (SSPP)
- Security & Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP)
- Internal Safety and Security Audit Program
- Hazard Management Process
- Accident Notification, Investigation and Reporting
- Three-Year On-Site Safety and Security Reviews
- Corrective Action Plans
- FTA Annual Reporting



Current SSO Program Activities

- Triennial update of GDOT Program Standard underway
- Reviewing MARTA system safety, security, and emergency preparedness plans
- Monitoring MARTAs implementation of SEPP and SSPP plans
- Preparing May 15th FTA Annual Report
- Reviewing City of Atlanta Streetcar Project SSPP
- Preparing for GDOT 3-year On-Site Safety Review of MARTA
- Tracking MAP-21 implementation guidelines

MAP-21 SSO Considerations

- Signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012
- Expands FTA framework to oversee safety of heavy rail, light rail, buses, ferries, and streetcars
- Will be implemented in consultation with the transit community
- Provides funding for states' SSO programs
- State cannot receive funding from rail transit systems
- Requires sufficient SSO program staff & training certifications
- Requires Asset Management Plans for all Transit agencies



Questions?